

The Gift of Peace

The Gifts of Christmas: Part 3

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"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'" (Luke 2:13–14, NLT)

Christmas Peace Pickpockets

- STRIFE
- WORRY
- DEBT
- GUILT



Pathways to Peace



1. RELATIONAL PEACE IS FOUND THROUGH FORGIVENESS.

"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14–15, NLT)

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18, NIV)

"But the wisdom from above is...peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy..." (James 3:17, NLT)

Experiencing Forgiveness Group beginning 1/23/18

2. EMOTIONAL PEACE IS FOUND THROUGH FOCUS.

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!" (Isaiah 26:3, NLT)

"So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts." (Colossians 3:15b, CEV)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6–7, NLT)

3. FINANCIAL PEACE IS FOUND BY FOLLOWING GOD'S FORMULA.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38, NIV)

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines." (Proverbs 3:9–10, The Living Bible)

"You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you." (Philippians 4:9, CEV)

4. SPIRITUAL PEACE IS FOUND THROUGH FAITH.

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27, NLT)

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." (Romans 5:1, NLT)

"...God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him..." (Romans 15:13, NLT)

ACTION:
INVITE 10 PEOPLE TO THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES!